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then once it's adopted, we could take up the question of the committee amendment, and then take up the fate of the bill, itself. I would ask for adoption of AM2822 as so described.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Smith, amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. I will rise in support of the amendment, the amendment to the committee amendment. I seek not to antagonize the bill, although I do have reservations about it. But I rise to offer for the discussion something that I believe is very important that we review, and that is the local efforts, primarily the city of Lincoln and the county of Lancaster and what they have been doing to accommodate the State Fair. I'm told the State Fair is about a \$20 million economic development tool here in Lincoln. And over the lunchhour I went and cheered for my team. Gering girls actually won first round. That's certainly relevant at this time. But how appropriate it is that we discuss an item like this during a state tournament where the radio this morning, Lincoln radio, mentioned that state tournaments mean about a million dollars a day to the city of Lincoln, county of Lancaster. There is lodging tax that goes to the county. Perhaps the lodging tax would be a useful tool for the State Fair, but I imagine that's difficult because the county has their own separate county fairgrounds now. That might stand on its own, I don't know. And it's my understanding that's there is private sector interest in acquiring the Lancaster County Fairgrounds. But I don't want to criticize the Lancaster County Fairgrounds, I want to draw to our attention the fact that millions of dollars flow to Lincoln on a regular basis and I don't believe that there has been enough local effort to support the State Fair. When we look at the effort that's made, and we're not only talking state tournaments, each and every one of us, we drop a lot of money here just during the session. School superintendents come down here for meetings as well as a host of other officials for meetings and otherwise. Lincoln has a good economy, and they have a good private sector economy as well, lot of high-paying jobs that aren't available across the state of Nebraska. Not only are the state tournaments here in Lincoln, almost in their entirety, I think